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MARINE TOXICITY TEST SUMMARY

18 Toxicity Tests

OSEI Corporation, in its attempt to prove "*Oil Spill Eater II*" is virtually non-toxic, had the following tests performed:

The **MYSIDOPSIS BAHIA (or Mysid)** is one of the more sensitive marine organisms found in the oceans. LC50's (Lethal Concentration) is the level in which there is mortality with 50% of the species being tested. The lethal concentration calculated for OSEI on the Mysid was calculated once 10% of the test species showed equilibrium problems or mortality. At 96 hours, only 10% of the test species showed equilibrium problems or mortality at a calculated level of 2100 mg/L or 2,100 parts per million. This shows OSEI to have a low toxicity level, and had a true LC50 been performed the toxicity level would have been even lower.

The **MUMMICHOG (Fundulus Heteroclitus)** a somewhat larger organism (1 to 1.5 inches long) was tested to see how toxic OSEI was to it. 5,258 mg/L was established. 5,285 parts per million shows a very little toxicity for the Mummichog when exposed to Oil Spill Eater II.

OSEI Corporation had two (2) fresh water toxicity tests run also. Environmental Canada, the U.S. EPA's equivalent in Canada, performed a toxicity test on rainbow trout. Rainbow trout are very sensitive fresh water species. The LC50 was greater than 10,000 mg/L. This shows OSEI to have virtually no toxicity in fresh water as well as salt water.

The other fresh water test was run on fathead minnows for the physical engineer in Plano, Texas, USA. We were attempting to prove that hydrocarbons which have had

OSEII applied to them and then washed in the storm drain would not add any toxicity to the storm drain.

Environment Canada performed toxicity tests with OSE II
Two gallons of gasoline was poured onto a low area in a commercial business parking lot, and OSEII was applied, allowed to set 3 minutes, and then washed to another low area for collection.

Approximately 1 ••• gallons of runoff was collected and taken to the lab where a 48 hour fathead minnow survival test was initiated. The resulting LC50 test was 9,300 mg/L which shows that gasoline which has had OSEII applied to it is rendered virtually non-toxic.

This helped alleviate the physical engineer's concerns for adding anything toxic to the storm drain and ultimately to a creek, river or lake.

This test shows that using OSEII would help reduce the toxicity to storm drains from rain water runoff. If OSEII is used periodically to clean the parking lot allowing the site to stay within its NPDES permitted discharge levels.

Sincerely,
Steven Pedigo
Chairman

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SUMMARY
EPA/NETAC TOXICITY TEST
MYSIDOPSIS BAHIA

The Environmental Protection Agency in Gulf Breeze, Florida tested OIL SPILL EATER II Concentrate, for toxicity using a sensitive species named "Mysidopsis Bahia". This test was in conjunction with Efficacy Tests performed by the EPA and NETAC.

The LC50 for the acute (96 hr.) test was greater than 1,900 and up to 10,000 mg/L which shows OSE II to be virtually non-toxic.

The EPA allowed the use of Inipol during the Valdez Spill and Inipol's LC50 was 135 mg/L which would seem to OSEI, Corp to be somewhat toxic considering Environmental Canada's cut off is 1,000 mg/L.

A second LC50 was performed at 7 days to see if there was any problem with chronic toxicity. The LC50 was 2,500 mg/L, which once again shows OSE II to be virtually non-toxic even when the species was exposed in a closed environment for 7 days. It would be extremely difficult for a species to be exposed to OSE II for 7 days in an open system due to currents, wind and tidal actions.

This 3rd party, U.S. EPA Toxicity Test absolutely proves OSE II is virtually non-toxic.

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OIL SPILL RESPONSE BIOREMEDIATION AGENTS EVALUATION METHODS VALIDATION TESTING DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The following data are provided for the oil spill response bioremediation agent producer as a means to begin to assess how this bioremediation agent may behave in response to an oil spill in the environment.

The Tier II 96-hour toxicity test data was conducted with Mysidopsis bahia test species. Mortality was the single measure response, therefore, survival data were used to calculate the 96-hour LC50. LC50 is the lowest concentration effecting 50% mortality of the test organism during a 96 hour exposure period. Sub-lethal and lethal responses were noted at concentrations between 1,000-10,000 mg/L (> 1,900 mg/L) following acute exposure of M.bahia to your bioremediation product.

Oil Spill Eater II was shown to cause a statistically significant reduction ($p = 0.05$) in the survival of Mysidopsis when animals were exposed during a chronic estimator test for a 7 day period. In general, 7 day exposure (2,500 mg/L) correlated well with values calculated following the 96 hour exposure (> 1,900 mg/L).NETAC101

TIER II TOXICITY DATA TABLE 1

ACUTE TOXICITY VALUES FOR 96 HOUR LC₅₀ – **MYSIDOPSIS BAHIA**

LC = Lethal concentration of product that will cause the death of 50% of the test species population within a defined exposure time.

a = LC50 presented as a range of test concentrations since data were from 96-hour acute range-finding test.

b = LC50 presented as a single, numerical value since data were from a definitive 96-hour acute toxicity test.

ND = Not Determined

TABLE 2

CHRONIC TOXICITY VALUES FOR 7 DAY LC₅₀ – **MYSIDOPSIS BAHIA**

NOEC = No Observable Effect Concentration

LOEC = Lowest Observable Effect Concentration

CI = Confidence Interval

NE = No Effect

Fecundity = Egg Production

As we indicated prior and to better understand the data presented above we are including a copy of the Evaluation Methods Manual. The Statistical Method Summary is found in Section 4, Method #8, page 40, of the manual and is intended to help a scientist understand the basis of the experimental objectives developed for this test.

Max. Test
Concentration
(mg/L)
Confidence
Interval
(95%)
96 hour LC50

NOEC LOEC

(mg/L)
Product
1,000-10,000_a
>1,900_b
Oil Spill
Eater II
10,000
ND
7 Day LC50
(mg/L)
(95% CI)
Endpoints
(mg/L)
Effects
Measurement
Product

5,700
NE
1,900
1,900
1,900
633
Survival
Growth
Fecundity
2,500(mg/L)
(2,225-3,313)

Oil Spill
Eater II
NETAC102
Static Acute Toxicity of
Oil Spill Eater II, Batch 329,

To the Mysid, Mysidopsis bahia
Study Completed
March 9, 1990
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I. SUMMARY

The acute toxicity of Oil Spill Eater II, batch 329 to the mysid, *Mysidopsis bahia*, is described in this report. The test was conducted for Incorporated for 96 hours during March 5-9, 1990 at the EnviroSystems Division of Resource Analysts, Inc. in Hampton, New Hampshire. It was conducted by Jeanne Magazu, Peter Kowalski, Robert Boeri, and Timothy Ward.

The test was performed under static conditions with five concentrations of test substance and a dilution water control at a mean temperature of 19.5°C. The dilution water was filtered natural seawater collected from the Atlantic Ocean at Hampton, New Hampshire. Aeration was not required to maintain dissolved oxygen concentrations above an acceptable level. Nominal concentrations of Oil Spill Eater II were: 0 mg/L (control), 1 mg/L, 10 mg/L, 100 mg/L, 1,000 mg/L, and 10,000 mg/L. Nominal concentrations were used for all calculations.

Mysids used in the test were less than 5 days old at the start of the test. They were produced at Resource Analysts, Inc. and acclimated under test conditions for their entire life. All mysids were in good condition at the beginning of the study.

Exposure of mysids to the test substance resulted in a 96 hour LC50 of 2,100 mg/L Oil Spill Eater II, with a 95 percent confidence level of 100 – 10,000 mg/L. The 96 hour no observed effect concentration is estimated to be 100 mg/L.

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IV. METHODS AND MATERIALS

TEST SUBSTANCE:

Oil Spill Eater II (EnviroSystems Sample Number 2351E) was delivered to EnviroSystems on March 5, 1990. It was contained in a 500 ml plastic bottle that was labeled with the following information: Oil Spill Eater II, Batch 329. The sample was supplied by Incorporated. Prior to use the test material was stored at room temperature. Nominal concentrations were added to test media on a weight/vol basis and are reported as mg/L.

DILUTION WATER:

Water used for acclimation of test organisms and for all toxicity testing was seawater collected from the Atlantic Ocean at EnviroSystems in Hampton, New Hampshire. Water was adjusted to a salinity of 11-17 ppt (parts per thousand) and stored in 500-gallon polyethylene tanks, where it was aerated.

TEST ORGANISM:

Juvenile mysids employed as test organisms were from a single source and were identified using an approximate taxonomic key. They were produced and acclimated at the Resource Analysts, Inc. facility for their entire life. During acclimation mysids were not treated for disease and they were free of apparent sickness, injuries, and abnormalities at the beginning of the test. Mysids were fed newly hatched *Artemia salina* nauplii (EnviroSystems lot number BS01) once or twice daily before the test.

TOXICITY TESTING:

The definitive toxicity test was performed during March 5-9, 1990. It was based on procedures of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1986, 1987). The test was conducted at a target temperature of $20 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ with five concentrations of test substance and a dilution water control. A stock solution was prepared by combining 20.0 g of test substance with 2,000 ml of dilution water. The stock solution was added directly to dilution water contained in the test vessels without the use of a solvent. Nominal concentrations of the test material were: 0 mg/L, 10 mg/L, 100 mg/L, 1,000 mg/L, and 10,000 mg/L.

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Twenty mysids were randomly distributed among a single replicate of each treatment. The test was performed in 2 liter glass dishes (approximately 25 cm in diameter and 8 cm deep) that contained 1.0 liter of test solution (water depth was approximately 4 cm). Test vessels were randomly arranged in an incubator during the 96 hour test. A 16 hour light and 8 hour dark photoperiod was automatically maintained with cool-white fluorescent lights that provided a light intensity of 40 eEs-m⁻². Aeration was not required to maintain dissolved oxygen concentrations above acceptable levels. Mysids were fed newly hatched Artemia salina nauplii once per day during the test.

The number of surviving organisms and the occurrence of sublethal effects (loss of equilibrium, erratic swimming, loss of reflex, excitability, discoloration, or change in behavior) were determined visually and recorded initially and after 24, 48, 72, and 96 hours. Dead test organisms were removed when first observed. Dissolved oxygen (YSI Model 57 meter; instrument number PRL-3), pH (Beckman model pHI 12 meter; instrument number PRL-4), salinity (Labcomp SCT meter, instrument number PRL-6), and temperature (ASTM mercury thermometer; thermometer number 2211) were measured and recorded daily in each test chamber that contained live animals.

STATISTICAL METHODS:

Results of the toxicity test were interpreted by standard statistical techniques. Computer methods (Stephan, 1983) were used to calculate the 96 hour median lethal concentration (LC50). The no observed effect level is the highest tested concentration at which 90% or more of the exposed organisms were unaffected.

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V. RESULTS

No insoluble material was observed in any test vessel during the test. Biological and water quality data generated by the acute toxicity test are presented in Table 1 and Appendix A, respectively. One hundred percent survival occurred in the control exposure.

The dose – response curve for organisms exposed to the test substance for 96 hours is presented in Figure 1. Exposure of mysids to the Oil Spill Eater II, batch 329, resulted in a 96 hour LC50 of 2,100 mg/L, with a 95 percent confidence interval of 100 – 10,000 mg/L. The 96 hour no observed effect concentration is estimated to be 100 mg/L.

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Table 1. Survival data from toxicity test

Nominal Number Alive Number Affected

Concentration	0hr	24hr	48hr	72hr	96hr	0hr	24hr	48hr	72hr	96hr
(mg/L) 0 (control)	1	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	10	10	9	9	0	0	0	0	0
10	1	10	10	9	9	0	0	0	0	0
100	1	10	10	10	9	9	0	0	0	0
1,000	1	10	9	9	8	8	0	0	0	0
10,000	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TOXICITY TEST
FOR ARTEMIA SALINA

To gain acceptance on the U.S. EPA's National Contingency Plan List, we were requested to perform an additional Toxicity Test on Artemia Salina using EPA's Standard Dispersant Toxicity Test.

OSE II Concentrate was presented to the laboratory, but the laboratory refers to the product as a Dispersant instead of OSE II throughout the write-up, since it was a Dispersant Toxicity Test. The Test proved that OSE II Concentrate is once again virtually non-toxic. This particular test proved OSE II helps to detoxify oil. The fuel oil had a higher toxicity rate than did the fuel and OSE II, which shows OSE II to immediately starts reducing the toxicity of hydrocarbons once OSE II is applied. The fuel oils toxicity was 12.4 ppm, and the fuel oil and with OSE II applied showed a drop in the fuel oils toxicity to 29.4, over a 100 percent reduction of the toxicity of the fuel oil. This shows real value in utilizing OSE II since the toxicity of the spilled contaminant would be reduced immediately lessening the impact of a spill to the associated environment and marine species.

OSE II gained acceptance to the EPA's National Contingency Plan once this test was presented to the EPA.

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Standard Dispersant Toxicity Test with the
OSE II, Batch #9820 and *Artemia salina*

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IV. INTRODUCTION

The objective of the study was to determine the acute toxicity of the dispersant – Batch # 9820, No. 2 fuel oil, and a 1:10 mixture of dispersant and oil to *Artemia salina*, a marine invertebrate. The report contains sections that describe the methods and materials employed in the study, and the results of the investigation. The report also contains an appendix that presents the water quality data collected during the tests.

V. METHODS AND MATERIALS

TEST SUBSTANCE:

The dispersant – Batch # 9820 (EnviroSystems Sample Number 2591E) was delivered to EnviroSystems on August 17, 1990. It was contained in two 1,000 ml plastic bottles that were labeled with the following information: “Batch # 9820”. The No. 2 fuel oil (EnviroSystems Sample Number 2599E) was delivered to EnviroSystems on August 28, 1990. It was contained in a 1,000 ml plastic bottle that was labeled with the following information: “# 2 fuel oil”.

DILUTION WATER:

Water used for hatching and acclimation of test organisms and for all toxicity testing was formulated at EnviroSystems in Hampton, New Hampshire. Water was diluted to a salinity of 20 parts per thousand and stored in polyethylene tanks where it was aerated.

TEST ORGANISM:

Juvenile *Artemia salina* employed as test organisms were from a single source and were identified using an appropriate taxonomic key. *Artemia salina* used in the test were produced from an in-house culture and were 24 hours old at the start of the test. Prior to testing, *Artemia salina* were maintained in 100% dilution water under static conditions. During acclimation *Artemia salina* were not treated for disease and they were free of apparent sickness, injuries, and abnormalities at the beginning of the test. They were not fed before or during the tests.

TOXICITY TESTING:

Screening tests with the test substances were conducted during October 1 to 3, 1990. The definitive toxicity tests were performed with the dispersant, No. 2 fuel oil, a 1:10 mixture of dispersant and oil, and the standard toxicant, dodecyl sodium sulfate during October 3 to 5, 1990, according to procedures of the U.S. EPA (1984). The tests were conducted at a target temperature of $20 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ with five concentrations of each test substance and a dilution water control.

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The dispersant and oil stock solutions were prepared by combining 550 ml of sea water and 0.55 ml of test substance in a glass blender jar and mixing the solution at 10,000 rpm for 5 seconds. The combined dispersant and oil stock solution was prepared by mixing 550 ml of sea water at 10,000 rpm and adding 0.5 ml of oil and 0.05 ml of dispersant. This combined mixture was then mixed for 5 seconds. Nominal concentrations of each test material were: 0 mg/L (control), 10 mg/L, 25 mg/L, 40 mg/L, 60 mg/L, and 100 mg/L. Media in each test vessel was added at the beginning of the test and not renewed.

Twenty *Artemia salina* were randomly distributed to each of 5 replicates of each treatment. The tests were performed in 250 ml glass Carolina culture dishes that contained 100 ml of test solution (water depth was approximately 2.5 cm). Test vessels were randomly arranged in an incubator during the 48 hour test. A 24 hour light and 0 hour dark photoperiod was maintained below the dishes. Aeration was not required to maintain dissolved oxygen concentrations above acceptable levels. *Artemia salina* were not fed during the tests.

The number of surviving organisms was determined visually and recorded initially and after 24 and 48 hours. Dead test organisms were removed when first observed. Dissolved oxygen (YSI Model 57 meter; instrument number PRL-18), pH (Beckman model pHI 12 meter; instrument number PRL-4), salinity (Refractometer, instrument number PRL-6), and temperature (ASTM mercury thermometer; thermometer number 2211) were measured and recorded at the beginning and end of each test in one test chamber of each concentration.

STATISTICAL METHODS:

Results of the toxicity test were interpreted by standard statistical techniques (Stephen, 1983). The binomial method was used to calculate the median lethal concentration (LC50) values.

VI. RESULTS

All test vessels containing dispersant appeared clear throughout the test and all test vessels containing oil or oil and dispersant had an oil slick on the surface of the test media throughout the test. Biological and water quality data generated by the acute toxicity tests are presented in Table 1 and Appendix A, respectively. Ninety-nine percent survival occurred in the control exposure. The 48 hour LC50 for *Artemia salina* exposed to the reference toxicant dodecyl sodium sulfate is 38.7 mg/L.

The 24 and 48 hour LD50s from the three toxicity tests are presented in Table 2. The 48 hour LC50s for *Artemia salina* exposed to the test substances are: dispersant/OSE II - >100 mg/L, No. 2 fuel oil – 12.6 mg/L (95% confidence interval = 10.0 – 25.0 mg/L), and a 1:10 mixture of dispersant/OSE II and

No. 2 fuel oil – 29.4 mg/L (95% confidence interval = 25.0 – 40.0 mg/L).

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Table 1. Survival data from toxicity tests

Number Alive

Nominal Dispersant/OSE II No. 2 fuel oil Oil + Dispersant/OSE II

Concentration

(mg/L) rep. 0hr 24hr 48hr 0hr 24hr 48hr 0hr 24hr 48hr

0 (control) 1 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20

2 20 20 19 20 20 19 20 20 20

3 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20

4 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20

5 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20

10 1 20 19 17 20 20 17 20 20 19

2 20 20 17 20 20 19 20 20 18

3 20 20 20 20 20 12 20 18 18

4 20 20 19 20 20 9 20 20 17

5 20 19 18 20 18 10 20 20 16

25 1 20 20 16 20 18 0 20 19 19

2 20 19 17 20 19 3 20 18 15

3 20 20 18 20 19 2 20 20 16

4 20 19 12 20 20 2 20 20 17

5 20 19 15 20 20 0 20 19 14

40 1 20 19 16 20 20 0 20 19 0

2 20 20 14 20 19 0 20 20 0

3 20 20 19 20 20 0 20 20 0

4 20 20 15 20 18 0 20 14 0

5 20 20 17 20 17 0 20 18 2

60 1 20 19 18 20 18 0 20 18 0

2 20 19 16 20 19 0 20 19 0
 3 20 19 19 20 16 0 20 19 0
 4 20 20 17 20 19 0 20 16 0
 5 20 20 16 20 14 1 20 16 1
 100 1 20 20 18 20 13 0 20 20 0
 2 20 20 18 20 8 0 20 20 0
 3 20 19 13 20 9 0 20 20 0
 4 20 20 19 20 10 0 20 20 0
 5 20 20 16 20 8 0 20 20 0

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Appendix A. WATER QUALITY DATA FROM TOXICITY TESTS

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I. Summary

The acute toxicity of the dispersant – Batch #9820, No. 2 fuel oil, and a 1:10 mixture of dispersant/OSE II and No. 2 fuel oil to *Artemia salina*, is described in this report. The test was conducted for OSEI corp for 48 hours during October 3 to 5, 1990, at the EnviroSystems Division of Resource Analysts, Inc. in Hampton, New Hampshire.

The test was performed under static conditions with five concentrations of each test substance and a dilution water control at a temperature of $20 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. The dilution water was sea water adjusted to a salinity of 20 parts per thousand. Aeration was not employed to maintain dissolved oxygen concentrations above an acceptable level. Nominal concentrations of all three test substances were: 0 mg/L (control), 10 mg/L, 25 mg/L, 40 mg/L, 60 mg/L and 100 mg/L. Nominal concentrations were used for all calculations.

Artemia salina used in the test were 24 hours old at the start of the test and they were all in good condition at the beginning of the study. Exposure of *Artemia salina* to the test substances resulted in the following 48 hours median lethal concentrations (LC50): dispersant/OSE II >100 mg/L, No. 2 fuel oil – 12.6 mg/L (95% confidence interval = 10.0- 25.0 mg/L), and a 1:10 mixture of dispersant/OSE II and No. 2 fuel oil-29.4 mg/L (95% confidence interval = 25.0 – 40.0 mg/L).

SUMMARY
ENVIRONMENT CANADA'S TOXICITY TEST

Environmental Canada performs five (5) Toxicity Tests for determining if a product could gain approval for use in Canada. The level that is considered toxic is 1,000 mg/L or less. A product that exceeds this level is deemed acceptable. The higher the number the less toxic.

Oil Spill Eater II Concentrate, tested at 10,000 mg/L – on Rainbow Trout (***Oncorhynchus mykiss***) which shows OSE II is virtually non-toxic and far exceeds the level deemed to toxic by Environment Canada.

Rainbow Trout is one of the most sensitive fresh water organisms to test.

Environment Canada tested OSE II on water fleas (*Daphnia magna*) as well the LC 50 was > than 10,000 ppm million showing that OSE II would not be toxic to intertidal zone species.

The next three (3) test Environment Canada performed is interesting since it is tests to see if a product would adversely effect single celled bacteria living in intertidal zones. The reason it is interesting is the fact that Environment Canada performed the same efficacy test on OSE II as the US EPA established with NETAC to determine if products could remediate oil, so a product could then be placed on the US EPA National contingency Plan approved list. This test also determined the number of bacteria OSE II/a product could colonize/enhance/grow as well. If a product enhances or grows bacteria then there is little chance it will be toxic to bacteria, so to perform a bacteria toxicity test is interesting. Environment Canada's test was performed on bacteria photobacterium phosphoreum for .5 (30 minutes), the LC 50 for this time was 5209 mg/l for .25 (15 minutes) which had an LC 50 of 5474 mg/l and .083 (4.98 minutes) which had an LC 50 of 7952 mg/l. These varied timed toxicity test further shows OSE II is non toxic to even single celled bacteria, therefore the likely hood of being toxic to any species would be minimal, since single celled bacteria are more susceptible to toxins than larger species.

OSE II proved that even with third party testing by a Foreign Government, OSE II is virtually non-toxic.

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Dear Mr. Pedigo,

Thank-you for participating in the development of Environment Canada's draft guidelines for assessing the toxicity and effectiveness of oil spill bioremediation agents (OSBAs).

The Tier I toxicity testing is now complete. Our preliminary screening has indicated that the *Daphnia magna* test and the Microtox test were either insensitive or erratic. Therefore, we do not consider these particular tests useful for OSBA evaluation. Comments on the toxicity of your product will thus be limited to those obtained using the 96-hour Rainbow Trout acute lethality test. 'Oil Spill Eater II' had a rainbow trout 96-hour LC50 of greater than 10,000 mg of application solution per litre of water. There was, however, a 23% mean fish mortality at this concentration. Also note that between 24 and 96 hours of exposure to the product, sublethal effects were present. The fish were noted to surface, be on their side, turn dark, exhibit rapid breathing and no swimming. These sublethal effects should be of concern. The effectiveness test analyses are still being performed. You will be notified as soon as those results are available.

If your product meets both the effectiveness and toxicity criteria it will be placed on our Standard List of Oil Spill Bioremediation Agents. Placement on this list is not an indication that the product will be used in the event of an oil spill. The list and test results are public information. They may be provided to oil spill response personnel to enable them to make informed decisions.

Please take note that the placement of a product on our Standard List does not constitute an approval or certification or licensing of your product for use in Canada. Your product may be required to comply with the New Substances Notification Regulations (NSNR) for biotechnology products under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). For information on the draft regulations, please contact the Chief of the New Substances Division at (819) 997-4336 or at the following address: Chief,

New Substances Division, CCB, Environmental Canada, P.V.M. 14th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H3, CANADA.

Sincerely,

Merv Fingas

Chief, Emergencies Science Division

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**ENVIRONMENT CANADA
TIER I TOXICITY TESTING
FOR EVALUATION OF DRAFT OSBA GUIDELINES**

The testing was performed as follows. An application solution of the OSBA was prepared based on instructions provided by the manufacturer/supplier. The highest strength of solution tested was 10,000 mg of application solution per litre of water (approx. a 1:100 dilution). For products in which solids are normally added to the water, suspensions comprised of 10,000 mg of product/combined product per litre of water were prepared for use in the toxicity tests. (If several solids were to be added, they were combined in the appropriate ratio). This initial screening concentration was tested in triplicate. If this concentration was toxic to greater than 50% of the organisms, lower concentrations were tested. Sub-lethal effects on the behavior and/or appearance of the organisms were also made. The toxicity of the product in water was assessed using each of the following three biological test methods, developed and standardized by Environment Canada for these and other applications:

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OILSPILL EATER II

Aliases

OSEII

Species Latin Name

Test Length (h)

Test Endpoint

Qualifier

Toxicity Value

Units of Measurement

Daphnia magna

48

LC50

>

10000
mg/L

Oncorhynchus mykiss
96
LC50

>

10000
mg/L

Photobacterium phosphoreum
.5
IC50

=

5109
mg/L

Photobacterium phosphoreum
.25
IC50

=

5474
mg/L

Photobacterium phosphoreum

.083

IC50

=

7952

mg/L

Environment Canada, 1990a. **Biological test method: acute lethality test using rainbow trout.** Environment Canada, Conservation and Protection, Ottawa, Ontario. Report EPS 1/RM/9, 51 pp.

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TOXICITY TEST SUMMARY USING CITGO GASOLINE, OIL SPILL EATER II
AND FATHEAD MINNOWS

To prove OIL SPILL EATER II rapidly detoxifies hydrocarbons once OSE II is applied, a Toxicity Test was set up with the Physical Engineer of the City of Plano, Texas.

One half gallon of gasoline was poured onto a concrete surface, where ••• gallon of OSE II (pre-diluted 100 to 1) was immediately applied. The treated gasoline was allowed to set for two (2) minutes at which time two (2) gallons of fresh water were used to wash this effluent into a catch basin. Approximately 1 ••• gallons were recovered and sent to Bio-Aquatic Laboratory.

Bio-Aquatic Laboratory performed a Static 48 Definitive Toxicity Test using Fathead Minnows (*Pimephales promelas*). The LC50 was 9,300 mg/L which is a relatively low toxicity level.

This test shows that OSE II when applied to a toxic constituent rapidly reduces toxicity. This detoxifying action of OSE II limits the toxicity of a spill to marine organisms, and will allow Mother Nature's Bacteria to rapidly attack this detoxified spill. The rapid detoxification of a spill shows that OSE II is a beneficial tool for first response cleanup for a spill. This test also shows that if OSE II is used to clean up a parking lot and washed into the storm drain there would be no adverse environmental impact.

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Toxicity Test Report
DECEMBER 7, 1991

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TOXICITY TEST REPORT – ACUTE

Client OSEI Corporation Laboratory I.D. BO-12-91-2239

Sample OSE II/Gasoline/Water Date December 7, 1991

Results: The 48-hour LC50 for *Pimephales promelas* exposed to a mixture of OSE II, gasoline, and water was 9,300 mg/L.

SAMPLE

COLLECTION

CHEMICAL

MEASUREMENTS

TEST PROCEDURES

Pimephales promelas

Approximately one and a half gallons of runoff grab sample from an OSEI Corporation product demonstration was delivered to Bio-Aquatic Testing on December 5, 1991. The sample was manually collected by OSEI personnel. One toxicity test was requested: a static 48-hour definitive toxicity test using the fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*).

The sample was analyzed for residual chlorine (EPA Method 330.1, Amperometric Titration Method) and was determined to contain <0.10 mg/L. Sample and laboratory dilution water pH, temperature, conductivity, hardness, alkalinity and D.O. were analyzed and recorded daily.

The 48-hour fathead minnow larval survival test was initiated at 1450 hours, December 6, 1991. Five concentrations were established for testing (200 mg/L, 800 mg/L, 3,000 mg/L, 9,000 mg/L, and 30,000 mg/L) utilizing reconstituted distilled, deionized water as dilution water. The test was set up using distilled water rinsed 500 mL plastic cups as test chambers. Four replicate cups containing five organisms each in 250 mL of test solution were used per dilution. All organisms used were laboratory reared and less than 24 hours old at test initiation. The test was allowed to proceed for 48 hours during which mortality was recorded daily.

A control of four replicate chambers containing five organisms each in 100% synthetic laboratory water was conducted concurrently with the test. There was 100% survival in the control. Data on surviving organisms as well as water quality measurements were recorded on the data sheet. The test ended at 1450 hours, December 8, 1991.

The acute toxicity data analysis program provided by the EPA was employed to determine the LC50 values.¹²⁶

LC50 RESULTS

Pimephales promelas

SUMMARY

LC50 value calculated using the Binomial Method:

CONC. (mg/L) # EXPOSED # DEAD % DEAD BINOMIAL %

	30,000
	9,000
	3,000
	800
	200
20	
20	
20	
20	
20	
20	
	20
	6
	1
	0
	0
	100
	30
	5
	0
	0
	0.0001
	5.7659
	0.0020
	0.0001
	0.0001

The Binomial Test shows that 3,000 and 30,000 can be used as statistically sound conservative 95 percent confidence limits since the actual confidence level associated with these limits is 99.99791 percent.

An approximate LC50 for this set of data is 11,800 mg/L.

LC50 value calculated using the Trimmed Spearman-Kärber Method:

Trim Var. of Ln Est. LC50 95% Conf. Limits

0.00% 0.17396D-01 9,300 mg/L 7,100 to 12,100 mg/L

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48 – HOUR *PIMEPHALES PROMELAS* ACUTE TOXICITY TEST

CLIENT OSEI Corporation BEGIN DATE 12/06/91

SAMPLE OSE II, Gasoline, Water END DATE 12/08/91

LAB ID # **BO-12-91-2239B** TEST ORGANISM *Pimephales promelas*

DATE COLLECTED 12/05/91 TEST TEMPERATURE (°C) 25.0 ± 1

DATE RECEIVED 12/05/91 PHOTO PERIOD 16 hour light / 8 hour dark

SAMPLE TYPE Grab LIGHT INTENSITY 75 FT-C

TEST TYPE Acute ANALYST W. Smith

EFFLUENT MEASUREMENTS

D.O. @ 30,000 mg/L₁ 8.6/6.6

pH @ 30,000₁ 8.3/8.4

CONDUCTIVITY @ 30,000 (µMHOS) 500

HARDNESS (mg/L as CaCO₃) 272.4 ALKALINITY (mg/L as CaCO₃) 625.0

DECHLORINATION

RESIDUAL Cl₂ (mg/L) <0.10 ANALYSIS METHOD Amperometric Titration Method (330.1)

DECHLORINATION REAGENT Not Applicable

DILUTION WATER MEASUREMENTS

D.O. @ 100% (mg/L)₁ 8.6/6.9

pH @ 100%₁ 8.4/8.3

RECEIVING WATER DILUTION WATER Laboratory adjusted

HARDNESS (mg/L as CaCO₃) 160.0 ALKALINITY (mg/L as CaCO₃) 107.0

Recorded at the beginning and end of each 24-hour exposure period.

SURVIVAL SUMMARY

	x LIVE PER CONC
x % Surv.	100
	100
	100
	95
	70
	0
	%
	EFFLUENT CONC
	Control
	200 mg/L
	800 mg/L

3,000 mg/L

9,000 mg/L

30,000 mg/L

NUMBER LIVE PER REP

START 24 HOURS 48 HOURS

a b c d a b c d a b c d

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EPA in Cooperation with NETAC a Group out of
Pittsburgh University performed Efficacy and Toxicity Testing
on OSE II for the EPA NCP Protocol Development.

The Summary follows

The OSEI Corporation supplied OSE II to Hap Prichard of the US EPA in 1992. The EPA performed two separate tests a 48 hour exposure test and a 96 hour exposure test, on two different species *Mysidopsis Bahia*, and *Menidia beryllina*. The *Mysidopsis Bahia* tests also contained a static renewal LC50 for 48 hours and 96 hours with OSE II, and a 7 day toxicity test as well.

The test information is contained in the five pages following this summary, as well as the freedom of information request that was honored over five (5) years after it was requested for these tests shows the OSEI Corporation received this information from the US EPA. The test information with the redacted black outs, is as the OSEI Corporation received them, from the US EPA.

Toxicity tests are performed to show the potential effects of a product to marine species. The larger or higher the number the less toxic the product is. LC 50, the LC means lethal concentration, or the concentration of a product to produce death of the test species.

The US EPA's first toxicity test of OSE II was on *Mysidopsis Bahia* for 48 hours of exposure, and for 96 hours of exposure. The 48 hour exposure toxicity test showed OSE II's toxicity value to be between 5,661 to 7,927 for an average of 6,698. The 96 hour exposure toxicity test

showed OSE II's toxicity value to be between 3,125 to 6,250 for an LC 50 of 5,970. These two test shows the US EPA has proven OSE II to be virtually non toxic.

The US EPA static renewal LC 50 with OSE II and the Mysidopsis Bahia was >5,700 for the 48 hour exposure, and >5,700 for the 96hr as well. The EPA established values for OSE II with this species for both exposure times proves OSE II is virtually non toxic.

The US EPA went on to perform a seven (7) day toxicity test with OSE II and the Mysidopsis Bahia. The LC 50 was 2,225 to 3,133, for an LC 50 value of 2,500 which for a seven (7) day toxicity test is phenomenally non toxic.

The US EPA performed toxicity tests on a second species for the EPA/NETAC testing Menidia beryllina. The first test on this species was for an exposure time of 48 hours, and the LC 50 value was 6,250 to 12,500 for an LC 50 value of 8,839. The second test with the Menidia beryllina was for the exposure time of 96 hours, and the value was between 6,250 and 12,500 as well for an LC 50 of 8,839. These two test show the US EPA proving OSE II is virtually non toxic on a second species

These toxicity tests associated with the US EPA/NETAC testing as well as the numerous other toxicity tests that have been performed with OSE II by the US EPA and other governments, and for other governments by the OSEI Corporation overwhelmingly prove OSE II is safe for any marine environments species. These toxicity tests show that when OSE II is utilized for a spill there is real value obtained by using OSE II since it converts a spill to CO₂ and water while limiting and or reducing the toxicity of the spill to the environment.

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Fresh Water Marine Toxicity Test Summary
South Korea (Minnows)

The OSEI Corporation performed a toxicity test for the Korean Government approval process involving minnows (*Pimephales promelas*). The toxicity test was a 24 hour acute toxicity test. The LC50 value for this test was 707.11 mg/l at a 20% concentration, which is the concentration the Korean government test required. If you extrapolate the test value, had the test been performed at the OSE II application concentration of 2% instead of 20%, then the LC50 would have been over 1337.11 mg/l which proves OSE II to be virtually non toxic. There are several government agencies around the world that try to force specific tests to be performed at a single concentration without allowing for the application rate of a product. So while they come up with a value at a certain concentration it may, or may not be applicable to every product, which is why we point out the extrapolation calculation for OSE II at the recommended application rate.

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Toxicity Test Summary for a Ceriodaphnia Dubia
Fresh Water Flea

The OSEI Corporation performed a toxicity test for a land, water, and airborne based species a Ceriodaphnia Dubia (water flea). The estimated LC 50 for this species even at a

higher concentration 20%, than OSE II is applied was 2199.62 which shows that OSE II is also virtually non toxic to bugs as well. The extrapolated value for the LC 50 at OSE II normal application rate of 2% would have been over 4000 mg/l, which shows OSE II is virtually non toxic to water fleas.

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